

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal comprising:

a body;

a flip portion; and

a hinge connecting said body to said flip portion, said hinge comprising hinge plates that function ~~functioning~~ as an antenna for use by an electronic circuit positioned within said mobile terminal.

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2. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 1 wherein said antenna is an inverted-F antenna.

3. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 1 wherein said antenna is operative at frequencies between 2.4 and 2.485 GHz.

4. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 1 wherein said antenna operates within the ISM band.

5. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 1 wherein said antenna receives a GPS signal.

6. (Currently Amended) The mobile terminal of claim 1 further comprising a second hinge, said second hinge comprising second hinge plates that function ~~functioning~~ as a second antenna.

7. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 6 wherein said first antenna is adapted for use at frequencies ranging from 2.4 to 2.485 GHz and said second antenna is adapted for receiving a GPS signal.

8. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 1 further comprising a printed circuit board adapted to hold said electronic circuit.

9. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 8 further comprising a fastener attaching said antenna to said printed circuit board.

10. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 9 wherein said fastener is a screw.

11. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 10 further comprising a second fastener attaching said antenna to said printed circuit board.

12. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 11 wherein one of said fasteners acts as a connection to ground for said antenna and the other of said fasteners acts as an RF feed for said antenna.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of constructing a mobile terminal, comprising:
positioning a printed circuit board in the mobile terminal;
fastening an antenna to said printed circuit board; and

using said antenna to function as a hinge plates of a hinge for a flip portion of said mobile terminal.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein fastening an antenna to said printed circuit board comprises fastening an inverted-F antenna to said printed circuit board.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising receiving and transmitting Bluetooth communications through said antenna.

C 16. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising receiving a GPS signal through said antenna.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein fastening an antenna to said printed circuit board comprises using a first fastener as a connection to ground and using a second fastener as an RF feed.

18. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising opening and closing said hinge during operation of the mobile terminal.

19. (Previously Amended) A mobile terminal comprising:

a body;

a printed circuit board positioned inside said body;

a flip portion; and

a hinge, said hinge functioning as an inverted-F antenna and hingedly securing said flip portion to said body, said hinge electrically coupled to said printed circuit board.

20. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 19 further comprising a voice communication transceiver and a second antenna adapted for use with said voice communication transceiver, said voice communication transceiver positioned within said body, and said second antenna spaced from said inverted-F antenna.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of constructing a mobile terminal, comprising:
connecting a flip portion to a body portion of the mobile terminal using hinge plates of a hinge, wherein the hinge plates function that also functions as an antenna.

22. (Previously Amended) A mobile terminal comprising:
a body;
a printed circuit board positioned within said body;
electronic circuitry positioned on said printed circuit board;
at least one antenna for voice communications at a first operating frequency, said
at least one antenna operatively connected to said electronic circuitry;
a flip portion;
a hinge functioning as an auxiliary antenna connecting said flip portion to said
body, said auxiliary antenna operatively connected to said electronic circuitry, said
auxiliary antenna for communication at a second operating frequency.

23. (Original) The mobile terminal of claim 22 wherein said auxiliary antenna comprises a GPS receiver antenna.

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24. (Previously Amended) The mobile terminal of claim 22 wherein said auxiliary antenna comprises a Bluetooth antenna.
